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PATENT

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 Oxide Catalyst :

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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed December 17, 2002, which set a due date for response of January 17, 2003.

REMARKS

Election

The Examiner has required an election from among the following three groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 8: drawn to a catalyst comprising mixed metal oxides;
- II. Claims 6 and 9: drawn to a process of producing an unsaturated carboxylic acid; and
- III. Claims 7 and 10: drawn to a process of producing an unsaturated nitrile.

Applicants hereby respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-5 and 8), drawn to a catalyst comprising mixed metal oxides. It is understood that Applicants have the right to file one or more divisional U.S. patent applications directed to the claims of the non-